The Plantlife of Ratho

Comfreys, Lungworts, Nonea, Phalia (Boraginaceae) • 2021-07-30 b

Common Lungwort – Dotted around e.g. Central Woods, Baird Road turn-in Sth of M8, area right of steps to Old Norton Quarry, behind the opp houses, track to EICA, start of canal slope opp EICA.

Leaves white-spotted, flowers a mixture of reddish-bluey colours.

Pulmonaria officinalis

Mawson's Lungwort – Pepper Wood by Kirkliston, Almondell Country Park.

Leaves unspotted, flowers blue.

Pulmonaria 'mawsons blue'

Red Lungwort – Track to EICA, Tormain Woods.

Flowers red, leaves unspotted.

Pulmonaria rubra

Yellow Nonea – Large area beside Edinburgh Park Station.

Yellow-flowered, very glandy.

Nonea lutea

Viper's-Bugloss – Patchy: Old Cement Works, Hillwood Quarry, also noted at Claylands Road, Riccarton, by Gogarburn Tram Stop, Gogar Station Road, by Edinburgh Park Tram Station.

Many stamens protrude.

Echium vulgare

Phacelia – Occasional, usually a relic or escape from farming and wildflower mixes e.g. Kirkliston.

Phacelia tanacetifolia

Tuberous Comfrey – Widespread alongside canal and also found beside paths etc.

Low creeping comfrey with yellow flowers.

Symphytum tuberosum

Creeping Comfrey – Craigpark, Riccarton.

Low creeping comfrey with whitish flowers starting reddish.

Symphytum grandiflorum

Hidcote Comfrey – Patchy: Riccarton, Curriehill Road, Water of Leith nr Balerno.

Low to medium creeping comfrey with light bluey flowers.

Symphytum x hidcotense

Common Comfrey – Patchy: Canalside near Moorings, Canalside nr Hermiston, Harlaw Road.

Pale purple or white flowers, leaves continue down the stem to the next leaves as a 'wing'.

Symphytum officinale ssp officinale

Russian Comfrey – Widespread, the common purply comfrey to be seen everywhere.

Leaves travel a small way down stem as a wing.

Symphytum x uplandicum